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Mucho más que una Estación de Tren

Por Mike Alberts

Michigan Central, la estación central de trenes, ha sido restaurada por Ford Motor Company, con un trabajo que llevó 6 años; se exhibió para EL CENTRAL y otros medios el 14 de mayo. Durante el recorrido de dos horas, guiado por los especialistas, fue increíble comprobar que este edificio, construido en 1913, parecía nuevo. Por primera vez en 40 años, la estación está completamente impermeable. La piedra caliza de Indiana, con un toque de hierro, brilla con destellos dorados. El piso resplandece, el cristal reluce y el techo se ve perfecto. Los medios que recorrieron la estación no pudieron encontrar un defecto en la cavernosa sala de espera y otros espacios públicos. No se veía mobiliario en ninguna parte, ya que hoy la estación tendrá un papel diferente en el servicio al público. Los pisos superiores albergarán a algunas de las mentes más brillantes de Ford que trabajan en soluciones para un futuro más limpio. El antiguo espacio público, ya no será donde los viajeros

esperen el tren o a su familia, se ha convertido en el destino en sí mismo. No hay duda de que esta obra maestra de restauración artística volverá a convertirse en una de las joyas de la corona del legado arquitectónico de Detroit.

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(L) Historical photo of the clock at the Michigan Central Station, courtesy of The Detroit Public Library, Burton Historical Collection. (R) Modern photo of the clock at the Michigan Central Station by Mike Alberts



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More than a “Train Station”

By Mike Alberts

The six yearlong restoration of Michigan Central Station by Ford Motor Company was put on display for EL CENTRAL and other media on May 14th. On the two hour long walk-through, guided by the restoration specialists, it was incredible to see that this building, constructed

in 1913, looked like new. For the first time in 40 years the station is waterproof from top to bottom. The Indiana limestone, with a touch of iron, glows slightly golden. The floors sparkle, the glass gleams, and the ceilings are perfect. The media that toured the Station could not find a flaw in the cavernous “waiting room”

and other public spaces. Furniture was nowhere to be seen, since in its new life, the Station will fill a different roll in serving the public. The upper floors will house some of Ford’s best minds working on solutions that may lead to a cleaner and brighter future. The former “public” spaces will no longer be places where travelers await trains or family, they will now be the destination in and of themselves. There is no question that this masterpiece of artful and loving restoration will once again become one of the crown jewels in Detroit’s architectural legacy.

The rooms are currently without furnishings, none, save a clock and a few chairs behind the windows of the ticket booth. The waiting room’s massive benches are gone, the clock above the ticket sales booths is restored. The ornamental stonework has been renewed to absolute perfection, the arched decorative ceilings are massive and without flaws, the paneling in a former “women’s” waiting room is dark wood which lends a softer touch than the stone and brick in other rooms.

Report: Immigrants Play Critical Role to Michigan’s Population Growth, Economy

Immigrants accounted for 57.7 percent of Michigan’s population growth over last decade and contributed \$67.8 billion, or 9.9 percent, of the state’s total GDP in 2022

A new report, Contributions of New Americans in Michigan, released by the American Immigration Council—in partnership with the Michigan Global Talent Coalition—underscores the crucial role immigrants play in the state’s population growth, labor force, business creation, and consumer spending power.

Over the past decade, Michigan’s immigrant population grew by more than 87,000 Michigan residents, accounting for 57.7 percent of the state’s population growth. As of 2022 there were over 687,000 New Americans in Michigan, making up 6.9 percent of the state’s population. Immigrants represented 8.4 percent of Michigan’s working age population and employed labor force. In 2022 alone, immigrants in the state held \$23.1 billion in spending power, paid \$5.5 billion in federal taxes, and paid \$2.6 billion in state and local taxes.

In that same year, immigrants were 24.1 percent more likely to be of working age than their U.S.-born counterparts, allowing them to actively participate in the labor force and contribute to the economy as taxpayers and consumers.

The report was released at the Detroit Regional Chamber’s 2024 Mackinac Policy Conference, which gathers the state’s business, economic, political and community leaders to discuss critical issues under the theme of “Bridging the Future Together.” “The findings of this report document the value and importance of immigration and immigrants’ economic contributions to Michigan,” stated Jeremy Robbins, Executive Director of the American Immigration Council. “The fact that immigration is responsible for the majority of Michigan’s population growth is typical for states across the Midwest and Northeast and much of the country. We hope

policymakers and business leaders can use this data to properly contextualize hiring, talent attraction and retention, workforce development, and economic development in public policy decisions,” Robbins added.

“This report emphasizes prior research and reports centering on Michigan’s population challenges. A Michigan population strategy without an immigration strategy is akin to developing a Michigan economic strategy that would ignore automobiles, manufacturing and agriculture,” said Steve Tobocman, Executive Director of Global Detroit, a member organization of the Michigan Global Talent Coalition. “Immigration has been the single biggest driver of population growth in Michigan for 30 years, and all of the prior research on this topic acknowledges that reality. It’s absolutely imperative for policy leaders to invest in what has proven to be our strongest asset

in fighting population loss and economic stagnation--our immigrant workforce. The data doesn’t lie,” he emphasized.

The new research report, Contributions of New Americans in Michigan, finds:

- **Immigrants are crucial to addressing Michigan’s population challenges.** In 2023, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer created the nation’s first Chief Growth Officer within state government to focus efforts to grow Michigan’s population, economy, and reputation as the best place to live, work, raise a family, and start a business. The Governor also commissioned the Growing Michigan Together Council to tackle these issues and set the state up for long-term success. Contributions of New Americans in Michigan shows that immigrants are vital to this work and were the source of 57.7 percent of the state’s population growth over the last decade.



Steve Tobocman, Executive Director of Global Detroit, emphasized the importance of investing in more programs to welcome and retain immigrant populations in Michigan

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2024 Detroit Grand Prix

Photos by Adam J. Dewey

This past weekend approximately 150,000 fans packed Downtown Detroit, for the 2024 Detroit Grand Prix. Detroit has been busy the past few months, first hosting the 2024 NFL Draft (which broke records all three days), then hosting the National Golden Gloves Tournament at Huntington Place, and now the

2024 Detroit Grand Prix. The winners from the 2024 Detroit Grand Prix, were, In 1st place - Scott Dixon (in the #9 car) In 2nd place - Marcus Ericsson (in the #28 car) In 3rd place - Marcus Armstrong (in the #11 car)

Photos below are highlights fromt the 2024 Detroit Grand Prix



Fans stake claim to their seats on the third and fourth turns of the Detroit Grand Prix



During the National Anthem, two F-16 Falcon fighter jets fly over the Detroit Grand Prix and the Renaissance Center



Fans watch the Detroit Grand Prix NTT Series Indy Car drivers race down a straight away leading to turn one from the Port Atwater Garage



Fans enjoyed the Grand Prix and the views of Canada from the Center Garage



Winners circle, with 1st place winner Scott Dixon (C), 2nd place winner Marcus Ericsson (L), and 3rd place winner Marcus Armstrong (R) celebrating after race



Scott Dixon (#9 - Australia) takes turn six in the Detroit Grand Prix en route to his first place finish



Marcus Ericsson (#28 - Sweden) speeds down the Detroit Grand Prix track on his way to placing second on the day



Marcus Armstrong (#11) hits the gas, heading towards the Detroit River and turn five on his way to a third place podium position



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Walk-In Wednesdays: Helping Southwest Detroit Small Businesses, One Step at a Time

By Amber Ogden
Sonya Rivas, owner of Casita Title & Escrow Agency in Southwest Detroit, was determined to turn her entrepreneurial dream into a reality. While scrolling on social media, she came across an informational post about ‘Walk in Wednesdays’ taking place at the Southwest Detroit Business Association (SDBA) that piqued her interest.

She registered for the Walk-In Wednesday workshops, eagerly participating in discussions and engaging with the presenters to understand the extensive range of services available. Her primary focus was to gather information about office space as she sought to establish a base for her business.

“It really did all start with the Walk-In Wednesday and Bank of America being the first one to help guide me through the steps,” Rivas said. “Although I didn’t get a loan from Bank of America, the resources and how they laid them out played a key factor in making my business plan.”

As of February 2024, Rivas opened a brick-and-mortar, and SDBA helped find her a comfortable space.

The Southwest Detroit Business Association began to collaborate with Bank of America in 2016 to create the Small Business Advocacy Center (SBAC) and began hosting Walk-In Wednesdays. SBAC provides comprehensive services to small local businesses in Southwest Detroit, focusing on enhancing economic opportunities, promoting racial equity in

public contracting, and fostering a vibrant commercial area. Laura L. Chavez-Wazeerud-Din, current President & CEO of SDBA, emphasized the abundance of resources provided as an additional ‘hand up’ instead of ‘hand holding’ to local entrepreneurs.

“We have a regular cadence of people coming in on Wednesdays. What’s been great with Bank of America is that they’ve been consistent, and we see consistency as something that the business owners appreciate and value,” Chavez-Wazeerud-Din said. “Bank of America will host a workshop, for example, like the four C’s of credit, or they have something that shows businesses how to become loan ready; they have this huge list of different workshops that they provide.”

Hassan Elsayed, Bank of America’s Small Business Community Officer, was eager to return to expanding small businesses in Southwest Detroit after unexpected changes occurred during COVID-19.

“We connected with Laura and her team and said, ‘Hey, let’s start collaborating.’ From there, we’ve been full speed ahead ever since. It’s been almost two years, and it’s been a great relationship,” Elsayed said.

Architect Will Marquez, now a business owner in Southwest Detroit, was tired of working for others and took ownership of his path. With 24 years of experience working in the architecture, engineering, and construction (AEC) industry, he went straight from

undergraduate at the University of Michigan to opening his own architecture office.

“I was walking down the street and saw the SDBA and saw a posting for space rental. I simply wanted to build my business again and build the same success that I had in Indianapolis, and I wanted to do it again here in Detroit,” Marquez said. “My life goals are very specific: to bring people to design, and SDBA has helped me with that.”

Elsayed and SDBA provide personalized, on-site consultations to interested business owners during Walk-in Wednesday events. Through one-on-one interactions, they walk them through the process and offer tailored guidance to help them achieve their business goals.

Walk-in Wednesdays has helped more than 45 local businesses get financing, a brick-and-mortar, or both, two of which are Rivas and Marquez’s.

“It’s important for people to see the work that we’re doing,” Chavez-Wazeerud-Din said.

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Walk-in Wednesday participant Sonya Rivas, owner of Casita Title & Escrow Agency. Photo credit Featherstone



Walk-In Wednesday sessions provide valuable support and resources for local businesses. Photo credit Southwest Detroit Business Association

Marathon Wants Permit to Increase Production in Southwest Detroit

Reprinted from Bridge Detroit.
Written by Jena Brooker
In March, Marathon submitted the application to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to operate at full capacity of up to 140,000 barrels of oil a day. It currently operates below that.

The permit would not require physical changes to the site but would allow the facility to process more, adding pollutants to the air.

The facility, located at 1001 South Oakwood Boulevard, produces gasoline, fuel oils, asphalt, propane, and propylene next to a low-income, majority-Black neighborhood. The project is expected to add 1.7 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) per year and 30.1 tons per year of nitrogen oxides (NOx), according to the application. VOCs can cause eye, nose, and throat irritation as well as difficulty breathing and nausea; NOx causes similar effects like shortness of breath and increased vulnerability to asthma.

Detroit residents’ asthma rates are 46% higher than the state average. The refinery is located in an area that does not meet national air quality standards for sulfur dioxide. Since 2013, the corporation has violated state air quality laws 21 times at the refinery.

Although the facility has violated air quality laws numerous times in the last decade and is under

three consent orders with the state to stop violating, the state says it cannot consider those violations in its application review.

Most recently, the company released more sulfur dioxide and particulate matter than permitted, failed to perform quality assurance testing, and tested incorrectly for pollutants – all of which pose a health threat to residents living nearby.

To address the increased emissions, the company is requesting to add different pollution control equipment, expand its leak detection and repair program and extend the air monitoring program at the facility for three years after the permit issuance.

The company asserts that the requested changes will not have a significant impact on air quality.

A Marathon spokesperson said the request is being made to meet customer demand. “The refinery supplies a significant portion of the transportation fuels used in Michigan, which is vital to a stable and thriving economy,” a statement to BridgeDetroit read.

“The Detroit Refinery has a long history of reducing emissions and currently operates at about 40 percent below the facility’s yearly permitted emission limits. As a part of the permit request, MPC is committing to significantly lower emission limits and several voluntary emission reduction initiatives.”

But law advocates and environmental organizers disagree.

In a letter to EGLE on June 3, Nick Leonard, executive director of the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center said the application should be reviewed more carefully. He raised doubts about how the state determined that the changes won’t interfere with meeting local air quality standards.

He also warned that the company is requesting to remove its capacity limit because it likely wants to process more in the future. Marathon has declined to comment on whether the company will seek to increase its capacity in the future.

EGLE spokeswoman Jill Greenberg said via email that EGLE’s review of Marathon’s Detroit permitting project “included a thorough evaluation of their requests and assured draft permits would meet all applicable air quality rules and regulations.

“We will be responding thoroughly to the Environmental Law Center’s comments as we evaluate comments and work toward writing the response to comments document so the decision maker can make a final decision,” Greenberg added. “A decision could include issuing the permits as is, issuing them with changes, or denying the permits.”

Andrew Kaplowitz, climate and energy justice lead for nonprofit Detroiters Working for



Marathon Petroleum Corporation seeks to remove permit limits and increase production at its Detroit refinery in a new application to state air quality regulators. Photo credit Shutterstock

Environmental Justice, said the proposed expansion is a direct affront to local, state, federal and tribal climate change goals.

“Marathon’s request to remove limits on their production is outrageous,” Kaplowitz said. “Marathon wants to process more dirty fossil fuels despite overwhelming scientific evidence that we need to switch to clean renewable energy.”

Fossil fuels are the largest contributor to climate change, and replacing them with renewable energy is key to reducing carbon emissions and avoiding the worst effects of climate change, from flooding to extreme heat to severe weather events, according to the United Nations.

EGLE said it cannot consider Marathon’s violations, according

to a project summary posted online.

“The fact that a source has had past violations cannot be used as a reason to deny a permit if the request can meet the applicable rules and regulations,” officials wrote.

If the permit were approved, the facility would ramp up production before implementing its voluntary projects and achieving emissions reductions by the end of 2025, according to the application.

A public hearing was held online and in person by EGLE on May 22 regarding the permit application. EGLE said it will consider all of the comments given during the hearing and other comments in its decision, which is expected sometime this year.

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Immigrants Play Critical Role to Michigan

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- **Immigrants are helping the state meet crucial labor force demands.** In 2022, immigrants represented 18.6 percent of Michigan’s workers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields, despite only comprising 6.9 percent of the state’s total population. Immigrants comprised 28.2 percent of all the software developers and 24.3 percent of the mechanical engineers working in Michigan.
- **Immigrants launch businesses that create jobs and contribute to our economy.** In 2022, there were 46,200 immigrant entrepreneurs whose businesses generated

\$1.4 billion in business income. The report profiles two of those entrepreneurs: Bing Goei, president and CEO of Eastern Floral in Grand Rapids, and Manish Senta, founder and managing director of TekWissen, an IT consulting and staffing firm in Ann Arbor. “The Grand Rapids Chamber is proud to stand with nearly two dozen other business and industry organizations as part of the Michigan Global Talent Coalition,” noted Rick Baker, President and CEO of the Grand Rapids Chamber. “Today’s report expands upon prior American Immigration Council reports provided to the West Michigan CEO Council documenting the

importance of immigration to the local economies of Kent and Ottawa counties. Talent and population growth are top issues for business, and simply put, the numbers don’t lie. Immigration is a critical source to our state’s economic prosperity and our future growth,” added Baker. Read the full research brief at www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/contributions-new-americans-michigan The American Immigration Council works to strengthen America by shaping how America thinks about and acts towards immigrants and immigration and by working toward a more fair and just immigration system that opens its doors to

those in need of protection and unleashes the energy and skills that immigrants bring. The Council brings together problem solvers and employs four coordinated approaches to advance change—litigation, research, legislative and administrative advocacy, and communications. In January 2022, the Council and New American Economy merged to combine a broad suite of advocacy tools to better expand and protect the rights of immigrants, more fully ensure immigrants’ ability to succeed economically, and help make the communities they settle in more welcoming. Follow the latest Council news and information on ImmigrationImpact.com and X

@immcouncil. The Michigan Global Talent Coalition is a collection of 20+ statewide and local chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, industry associations and key supporters who believe that the intentional inclusion of immigrant talent in Michigan’s economic development and workforce development plans, policies, and programs will expand the state’s economic growth, shared prosperity and competitiveness. The Coalition has advocated for the Michigan Global Talent Initiative, a five-year investment to ensure comprehensive immigrant inclusion in the State’s Sixty by 30 workforce development goals.

Preliminary Data from Record-Breaking NFL Draft in Detroit

One month after a record 775,000 people attended the three-day football festival, preliminary data is starting to emerge that demonstrates the event’s positive impact on Detroit. The 2024 NFL Draft demonstrated the importance of Detroit and Michigan hosting major events to shine a positive spotlight on the City and State. Visit Detroit and the Detroit Sports Commission are working with Dr. Patrick Rishe of Washington University in St. Louis to compile a comprehensive economic impact study. That report will likely be done in late June, but preliminary data points to how successful the Draft was for Detroit.

Visitation Data

- 775,000 people attended the event, nearly 200,000 more than the previous record holder, Nashville, in 2019.
- 30.2% of all attendees traveled more than 100 miles to attend

the 2024 NFL Draft in Detroit.

- o Dr. Rishe’s team conducted more than 1600 attendee interviews to develop an attendee model.
- o Fans from all 50 states and more than 20 countries attended the draft.
- o A fan from Australia traveled more than 11,000 miles to attend the Draft in Detroit.
- Hotel occupancy in Detroit:
 - o Wednesday, April 24: 84%
 - o Thursday, April 25: 92%
 - o Friday, April 26: 85%
 - o Saturday, April 27: 74%
- The city of Detroit has more than 1600 hotel rooms than it did during the 2006 Super Bowl, and occupancy rates matched or exceeded the best four-day period around that event.

TV Viewership, Digital Data, and Media Reach

- 53.6M total audience (TV + Digital) across the three days

- o 12.1M average viewers on Night 1 (highest since 2021)
- o Higher than the NBA Finals, Masters Final Round, and World Series.
- During Draft Days, NFL OnePass surged as the leading non-paid sports app, surpassing even the ESPN app in popularity across both the Apple and Google Play Stores.
- o There were 5,798 media stories across all channels featuring coverage of Detroit.
- o Total Reach/Impressions: 21B
- o Avg Sentiment: 97% neutral – positive
- o Calculated ad value: \$40M

Business Impact from the Michigan Black Business Alliance and Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

- NFL’s projected local spend, excluding NFL hotel block, is \$7.33M
- The NFL estimated spending with minority-owned

businesses \$3.28M

- The MBBA, DEGC, Visit Detroit, and the Detroit Sports Commission helped secure 34 contracts for minority-owned businesses to work directly with the NFL.
- o Black-owned businesses made up 40% of contracts awarded.
- o MBBA members who were selected for contracts included 15 Black-owned concession stands, three staffing companies, three caterers, two bartenders, and one food truck.
- o Other MBBA-awarded contracts went to those working in the laundry, photography, hauling, decor, and the arts.
- MBBA members hired approximately 500 staff to meet the demand and made approximately \$1.2M during draft week through all these efforts.



“Last month, during the 2024 NFL Draft, we demonstrated to a global audience what an incredible place our community is to live, work, invest, and visit,” said Claude Molinari, President and CEO of Visit Detroit. “As Detroit and Michigan work to attract and retain more people, businesses, and talent, major events will play a critical role in highlighting the dynamism and vitality of our state.”

Michigan Businesses Unite to Support Safe and Secure Elections

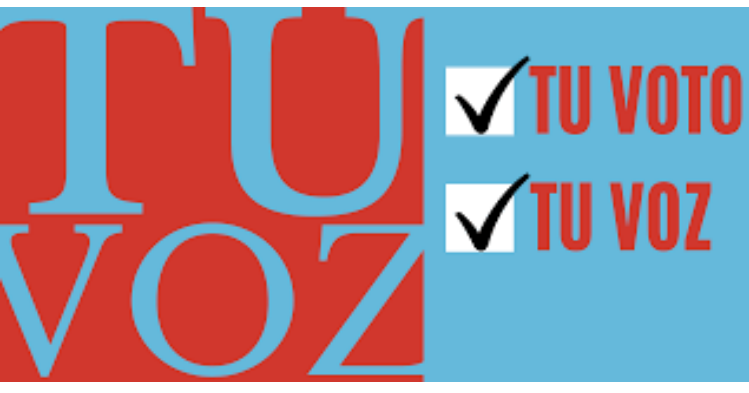
New business coalition will help educate citizens about their voting rights, encourage employees to participate in elections

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson was joined by Detroit Regional Chamber CEO Sandy Baruah and Michigan business leaders at last week’s Mackinac Policy Conference to launch a new collaboration supporting our state’s safe and secure elections. Michigan Business United for Elections is a nonpartisan, diverse coalition of business leaders from all over the state committed to engaging and informing Michigan voters in the 2024 election cycle. “I’m proud to announce a partnership with the Detroit Regional Chamber, rallying business leaders as trusted voices to make sure Michigan voters can easily vote and have confidence in our elections in 2024, Secretary Benson said. “A civically engaged business community is the key to a strong

and healthy democracy. And a strong, healthy democracy is necessary for a thriving economy, like the one we’re growing in Michigan today and building for the future. Today is just the beginning – we’re inviting all Michigan business leaders to step up and join us.” “The stability of our society and the strength of our democracy is necessary for businesses and their employees to thrive,” said Sandy K. Baruah, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Detroit Regional Chamber. “The Chamber has been a staunch defender of democracy and is proud to partner with Secretary of State Benson on this initiative. As trusted voices in our community, businesses have an important role to play in supporting democracy and encouraging

their employees to participate in the 2024 election regardless of whom they vote for.” “The Detroit Pistons are active participants in the election process and encourage citizens to exercise their right to vote,” said Arn Tellem, Vice Chairman for the Detroit Pistons. “We are proud to support the Michigan Department of State by making the pledge to offer employees paid time off to vote on Election Day, provide nonpartisan voting information, and encourage our employees to volunteer their time during the upcoming elections.” Michigan Business United for Elections partners have committed to three things in 2024:

- Ensure employees have time off to vote during the early voting period or on Election Day;



- Promote nonpartisan voter education information, including how to register, and the options Michigan voters have to cast ballots;
- Encourage employees to serve as poll workers during the August primary and November elections.

Secretary Benson and the

coalition members invite all Michigan business leaders to join their work to support safe and secure elections – learn more at www.Michigan.gov/Biz4Elections. For information about Michigan’s elections visit www.Michigan.gov/Vote.



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Costa Rica is a pacifist country, without a permanent army, its official name is the Republic of Costa Rica. In 1984 the government enacted a Perpetual Neutrality Law.

Costa Rica is home to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the United Nations University for Peace.

It is located in Central America, bordering Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the south; It has coasts in

both the Caribbean and the Pacific. Its approximate population is five million inhabitants, of which approximately three hundred thousand live in the capital, San José. Its currency is the Costa Rican colon, worth 530 colones for every US dollar.

The official language is Spanish or Castilian with its national variant that has official validity, however, there is a record of five living indigenous languages belonging to the Chibcha family, a family of Lenmichí languages that includes languages from the



intermediate area of America and the north of South America, of which its origin is unclear. The languages spoken apart from Spanish are: Malecu, Cabécar, Bribri, Guaymí and Bocotá.

It is a country recognized for its landscapes, due to its environmental protection since approximately a quarter of its territory corresponds to protected jungles, full of fauna, such as the spider monkey and quetzals; as well as its coasts, volcanoes and biodiversity.

Recipe: Pejibayes dip

Pejibayes are the fruit of the palm tree. It is a food rich in fiber. It is cooked in boiling water with sugar, beef bones and a little salt. Between 40 minutes and 1 hour approximately. They are usually peeled and eaten alone, served with coffee, or topped with mayonnaise. Today we will cook a Pejibayes dip.

- Ingredients:
- 12 cooked pejibayes

1 sweet chili

1 onion

Cilantro

Celery

3 acidic lemons (juice)

Mayonnaise

Pinch of mustard and salt



- Procedure:
- Chop the onion, chili, cilantro, celery and add the lemon juice. Then peel and chop the pejibayes. The seed is removed and the spices are added. Add a little salt, mustard and mayonnaise to taste.

Cool in the refrigerator and serve with crackers or salty tortillas, as a dip.

Legend:
Irazu Volcano



Many years ago, before the Spanish founded Cartago, large Palenques were built in the northern and southern parts of the Guarco Valley region.

The northern part was governed by a chief called Coo, of great power and application to agriculture. The southern part was governed by Guarco, an invading despotic chief.

Guarco and Coo were fighting for control of the entire territory of the Central Valley of Guarco. The fight was great; Little by little, Guarco was defeating Coo's resistance, until he died and left Aquitaba, who was an energetic and strong warrior, in command. When Aquitaba saw that he was going to be defeated by



Guarco, he took his own daughter Iztarú to the highest mountain in the northern part of the region and sacrificed her to the gods, imploring the gods help for the war.

Being in a tough battle with Guarco, Aquitaba implored the help of Iztarú who had been sacrificed.

Fire, ash, and stone came from the highest mountain and fell on the Guarco warriors who fled. A stream emerged from the side of the mountain that turned into hot water, destroying the palenques of Guarco.

A curse spread and it was said that the inhabitants of Guarco would work the land, making their own roof (tile) with it; The town was later called Tejar de Cartago, the North region Cot, and the high mountain Irazú volcano.



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Está ubicado en América Central, colinda con Nicaragua al norte y Panamá al sur; tiene costas tanto en el Caribe, como en el Pacífico. Su población aproximada es de cinco millones de habitantes, de los cuales aproximadamente trescientos mil viven en la capital, San José. Su moneda es el Colón costarricense, con un valor de 530 colones por cada dólar estadounidense. La lengua oficial es el español o castellano con su variante nacional que

Costa Rica es un país pacifista, sin ejército permanente, su nombre oficial es República de Costa Rica. En 1984 el gobierno promulgó una Ley de Neutralidad Perpetua. Costa Rica es sede de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos y de la Universidad para la Paz de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas.



tiene validez oficial, sin embargo, se tiene registro de cinco lenguas indígenas vivas pertenecientes a la familia Chibcha, familia de lenguas lenmichíes que engloba lenguas del área intermedia de América y del norte de Sudamérica, de las que su origen no está claro. Las lenguas que se hablan aparte del español son: Malecu, Cabécar, Bribri, Guaymí y Bocotá. Es un país reconocido por sus paisajes, debido a su protección al medio ambiente ya que aproximadamente un cuarto de su territorio corresponde a selvas protegidas, repletas de fauna, como el mono araña y los quetzales; así como sus costas, volcanes y biodiversidad.

Receta: Dip de Pejibayes

Los pejibayes son la fruta del árbol de palma. Es un alimento rico en fibra. Se cocina en agua hirviendo con azúcar, hueso de res y poca sal. Entre 40 minutos y 1 hora aproximadamente. Por lo general se pelan y se comen solos, se acompañan con café, o se les pone mayonesa. El día de hoy nosotros prepararemos un dip de Pejibayes.

- Ingredientes:**
- 12 pejibayes cocidos
 - 1 chile dulce
 - 1 cebolla
 - Cilantro
 - Apio
 - 3 limones ácidos (jugo)
 - Mayonesa
 - Pisca de mostaza y sal



Procedimiento:

Picar la cebolla, chile, cilantro, apio y agregar el jugo de limón. Después pelar y picar los pejibayes. Se elimina la semilla y se agregan las especias. Agregar un poquito de sal, la mostaza y mayonesa al gusto. Enfriar en el refrigerador y servir con galletas o tortillas saladas, como tipo dip.

Leyenda del volcán de Irazú



Hace muchos años, antes de que los españoles fundaran Cartago, los grandes palenques se levantaban en las partes Norte y Sur de la región del Valle del Guarco. La parte Norte, era gobernada por un cacique llamado Coo, de gran poder y de aplicación a la agricultura. La parte Sur la gobernaba Guarco, cacique déspota invasor. Guarco y Coo sostenían una lucha por el dominio de todo el territorio del Valle Central del Guarco. La lucha fue grande; poco a poco, Guarco iba derrotando la resistencia de Coo, hasta que este murió y dejó en mando a Aquitaba, el cual era enérgico y fuerte guerrero. Cuando Aquitaba vio que iba a ser derrotado por Guarco, tomó a su hija Iztarú, la llevó al monte más alto de la parte norte de la región y la sacrificó a los dioses, implorando la ayuda para la guerra.



Estando en una dura batalla con Guarco, Aquitaba imploró la ayuda de Iztarú quien había sido sacrificada. Desde el monte más alto salió fuego, ceniza, piedra y cayeron sobre los guerreros de Guarco que huyeron. Del costado del monte salió un riachuelo que se convirtió en agua caliente destruyendo los palenques de Guarco. Una maldición cundió y se decía que los habitantes de Guarco trabajarían la tierra, haciendo con ella su propio techo (teja); el pueblo se llamó luego Tejar de Cartago, la región Norte Cot, y el monte alto volcán Irazú.



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Mucho más que una
“Estación de Tren”

More than a
“Train Station”

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Las habitaciones se encuentran actualmente sin mobiliario, salvo un reloj y unas sillas detrás de las ventanillas de la taquilla. Los enormes bancos de la sala de espera han desaparecido y el reloj situado encima de las taquillas ha sido restaurado. La mampostería ornamental se ha renovado hasta alcanzar la perfección absoluta, los techos abovedados decorativos son macizos y sin defectos, los paneles de una antigua sala de espera para mujeres son de madera oscura, lo que aporta un toque más suave que la piedra y el ladrillo de otras habitaciones. Cuando se inauguró, la estación era única entre todas las demás del mundo. La industria automotriz de Detroit ya era enorme en 1913 y sólo un año después de su finalización, Henry Ford duplicó el salario de sus trabajadores automotrices a 5 dólares por día. Un salario que hizo posible tener un automóvil para los propios trabajadores de Ford y otros estadounidenses. Detroit estaba poniendo a la nación sobre ruedas y esta enorme estación de tren tenía un nuevo competidor: el automóvil. El edificio nunca estuvo completamente lleno. Mientras el resto de Estados Unidos viajaba en tren, Detroit hacía carros y, a medida que se construían carreteras para darles paso, los ferrocarriles tenían más competencia para los viajes interurbanos. La ironía de la restauración de esta estación se debe a William “Bill” Ford, presidente ejecutivo de Ford Motor Company. Durante décadas, su empresa desafió el transporte público en un esfuerzo por

impulsar la libertad y el estilo de vida libre del automóvil personal. Ahora, el heredero y descendiente de Henry Ford ha gastado más de mil millones de dólares para volver a poner la estación en el mapa como una estructura icónica llena de soñadores, ingenieros, científicos, líderes empresariales y artistas de todos los ámbitos de la industria y la sociedad. El cercano “Book Depository”, anteriormente un almacén del distrito escolar de Detroit, y antes una instalación de clasificación del Servicio Postal de EE. UU., ya está lleno de

de 1913, con los pisos inclinados que conducían a las puertas y las vías que transportaban a millones de pasajeros cada año a su destino; donde se despedían los viajeros y los recuerdos se grababan con emoción, forjándose sonrisas, una puerta para llegar al ferrocarril, el ícono del transporte de ese tiempo. El nuevo propósito de esta sala será conducir al público a un espacio verde al aire libre, adyacente a la Estación. Michigan Central ha vuelto a ocupar su lugar como una joya de la corona de Detroit



cientos de trabajadores y múltiples empresas tecnológicas de nueva creación que utilizan las instalaciones. El 6 de junio, Michigan Central cumplirá con su nuevo propósito con un concierto para el público, seguido de recorridos en el emblemático edificio, exquisitamente restaurado. Se necesitan entradas para este evento y la intensa demanda, recientemente provocó que el sitio web colapsara. Si bien, todo el primer piso, está perfectamente restaurado, una habitación, quizás la “aorta” del corazón de la estación, permanece sin terminar. Se trata del “Jetway”

esperando que los visitantes llenen y aprecien nuevamente sus majestuosos salones. Traducción Carmen Elena Luna.

La icónica estación de tren, una vez abandonada, fue rediseñada por Ford Motor Company después de una restauración de seis años como un centro tecnológico y cultural único en su tipo. The once-abandoned iconic train station was re-envisioned by Ford Motor Company after a six-year restoration as a one-of-a-kind tech and culture hub.

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At the time of its debut, this station was unique among train stations across the world. Detroit’s auto industry was already massive by 1913 and just one year after its completion Henry Ford doubled the wage of his auto workers to \$5.00 per day. A wage that made owning an auto possible for Ford’s own workers and other Americans. Detroit was putting the nation on wheels and this massive train station had a new competitor, the automobile. The building was never fully occupied. While the rest of America rode trains,

the heir and descendant of Henry Ford has spent a billion + dollars to put the station back on the map as an iconic structure filled with dreamers, engineers, scientists, business leaders, artists from all walks of industry and society. The nearby “Book Depository”, formerly a Detroit School district warehouse, and before that a U. S. Postal Service sorting facility, is already bustling with hundreds of workers and multiple start-up tech companies using the facilities. On June 6th Michigan



Central will fulfill its new destiny kicking off with a concert for the public followed by public tours of the exquisitely restored iconic building. Tickets are needed for this event and intense demand for the event recently caused the website to crash. While virtually the entirety of the first floor of the Station is perfectly restored, one room, perhaps the “aorta” of the heart of the Station remains unfinished. It is the “Jetway” of 1913, featuring the sloping floors that led to the gates and the tracks that carried millions of passengers each year to their destinations. This is where the goodbyes were said by travelers, where memories were etched with emotion and smiles were forged, a gateway to travel by rail, the “mobility” of its time. The new purpose of this room will be to lead the public to an “outdoor” greenspace adjacent to the Station. Michigan Central has once again taken its place as a jewel in Detroit’s Crown waiting for visitors to fill and appreciate its lofty halls again.

Detroit was building cars, and as roads to accommodate those cars were constructed the railroads had new competition for intercity travel. The irony of the restoration of this station comes down to William “Bill” Ford, Executive Chair of Ford Motor Company. For decades, his company challenged public transportation in an effort to push the freedom and freewheeling lifestyle of the personal automobile. Now,



Bill Ford

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Joshua Sirefman, Michigan Central CEO leads a media tour of the renovated Michigan Central Station.



Diana Ross, Jack White, Big Sean and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Lead All-Star Lineup to Celebrate the Historic Reopening of Michigan Central Station

Executive-produced by Eminem and Paul Rosenberg, the evening will feature the full range of Detroit’s iconic soundtrack with special performances by Common, Illa J, Kierra Sheard, Melissa Etheridge, Theo Parrish, Slum Village, the Clark Sisters, Sky Jetta, Jelly Roll, Fantasia and surprise special guests.

The pulse of Detroit beats stronger than ever as Michigan Central today unveils an electrifying lineup of Detroit icons, performers and presenters for “Live From Detroit: The Concert at Michigan Central,” an outdoor spectacular on Thursday, June 6 in-person and streaming live on Peacock. A moment more than 35 years in the making, stars will take to the stage to celebrate the highly anticipated reopening of Michigan Central Station following a six-year restoration by Ford Motor Company.

The sold-out, ticketed event will stream live exclusively on Peacock on June 6 at 8:30 p.m. ET. Additionally, NBC will air a one-hour primetime special on June 9 starting at 7 p.m. ET/PT. The concert will exclusively air locally on June 6 with pre-show coverage beginning at 8 p.m. ET followed by live post-show coverage at 10 p.m. ET on Local 4, and stream on Local 4+ and ClickOnDetroit.com.

The specials on Peacock and NBC – where audiences can tune into this one-of-a-kind experience with some of the world’s biggest artists – will be executive-produced by the Emmy® Award-winning Jesse Collins Entertainment with Jesse Collins, Dionne Harmon and Jeannae Rouzan-Clay as executive producers, and produced by Emmy Award-winning production companies Diversified Production Services and Killian + Company.

“We wanted to celebrate the reopening of Michigan Central Station in style and make it a night to remember for Detroiters and people watching around the world,” said Bill Ford, executive chair of Ford. “I am honored and grateful that so many of Detroit’s musical legends, sports heroes, artists and innovators are joining us to celebrate the city we all love and the bright future we are creating together.”

“Detroit is known around the world for its musical talent, and having so many legendary artists kick off the celebration for the reopening of the iconic

Michigan Central Station shows how meaningful this moment is for our city,” said Mayor Mike Duggan. “This historic landmark symbolizes Detroit’s resilience, innovation, and now, its bright future. This is about more than preserving a piece of our past. It also is about paving the way for a new era of growth and opportunity for all Detroiters.”

The special concert is executive produced by Detroit music icon Eminem and his longtime manager, Paul Rosenberg.

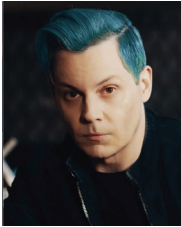
The sold-out, ticketed 90-minute outdoor concert will bring to life the spirit and soul of Detroit through an incredible lineup of musical performances, short films, appearances by local leaders, and creators telling stories of innovation and culture from around the city and the region. The star-studded program features iconic musicians and cultural legends, including Michigan natives Diana Ross, Big Sean, Illa J, Jack White, Kierra Sheard, Theo Parrish, Slum Village, the Clark Sisters, Sky Jetta and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. They will be joined by presenters including Detroit Lions legend Barry Sanders and stars Jared Goff and Amon-Ra St. Brown. These Detroit entertainment stars will be joined by other performers, including Common, Fantasia, Melissa Etheridge and Jelly Roll, along with presenters Mike Epps and Sophia Bush.



Diana Ross



Big Sean



Jack White



Eminem

Streaming live exclusively on Peacock and followed by a prime-time NBC special produced by Jesse Collins Entertainment, the sold-out concert to celebrate the reopening of Detroit’s Michigan Central Station will be the greatest assemblage of all-star musical talent in Detroit since the legendary Motown Showcases.

After the 11-day reopening celebration wraps up on June 16, Michigan Central will begin a phased reactivation of The Station over the next several months and years as restaurant, retail, and other commercial and community-focused partners take up residency. The first floor will be open to visitors for self-guided tours from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays from June 21 to Aug. 31. Expanded hours will be announced for fall, when the first phase of commercial activations opens to the public.

Michigan Panthers in Playoffs !!!



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Photos by Adam J. Dewey

The Michigan Panthers have once again found themselves in the Playoffs.

The Michigan Panthers (7-3) lost their final regular season game, on the road against the Birmingham Stallions (9-1), 20-19, with a missed field goal by Jake Bates (who could have won the game with making the field goal as time ran out).

The Michigan Panthers will get another chance at beating the Birmingham Stallions, as they face each other in the USFL Conference Championship, this Saturday, June 8th 3:00 pm (ABC).

The winner of this game will move onto the UFL Championship on Sunday, June 16th at 5:00 pm (FOX).

Photos below are highlights from the Michigan Panthers vs. Birmingham Stallions at Ford Field earlier this season



Shields to fight at Little Caesars Arena on July 27th

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“GWOAT” Shields will take on Vanessa Lepage-Joannis, at the Little Caesars Arena in

Detroit, on July 27th. Tickets for the live event are on sale now

and can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com and the XFINITY Box Office at Little Caesars Arena



DCFC Cooling
Off Rapidly

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SPORTS

The heady days of early spring have faded rapidly as summer approaches for Detroit City FC's men's team. Under the guidance of new manager Danny Dichio, they sprinted out to a hot start with five wins in a row. They haven't won a league match since. The slump has coincided with a brutal road schedule since April 20. Le Rouge has only appeared once in the last six weeks before the faithful at Keyworth Stadium. That stretch included two US Open Cup games, also on the road.

One more road game remains before the team can return home briefly. That will be Saturday night when City visits Rhode Island for the first time. Like many new teams, Rhode Island has struggled to earn results and currently sits second from bottom in the Eastern Conference.

DCFC has now slipped back to sixth in the East, but has at least two games in hand on all the teams in front of them. It's been a tough stretch, against some tough teams and teams



that have motivation. Last week's two defeats will sting, though. Both at Louisville and Orange County, DCFC took the lead in the first half and went in level at halftime. Then, they made defensive errors in the second half, lots of them.

The 5-1 loss in Louisville will hurt a lot, because they are a direct rival for playoff positioning. The first half looked good. They moved the ball, created opportunities, and limited the hosts to nothing more than half chances until Arturo Ordonez equalized from a corner. City's opener came from a corner as well, but had more to do with a dreadful mistake by goalkeeper Damian Las than anything extraordinary by DCFC.

In the second half, Louisville simply picked apart the back four. Stephen Carroll looked lost, fullback Matt Sheldon couldn't keep up. Alex Villanueva came on at halftime for Brett Levis and had no positive impact on the game. The midfield was overrun. Maxi Rodriguez didn't dress and his absence stood out as Abdoulaye Diop pushed forward into the attacking midfield spot

and looked out of place, giving James Murphy and Ryan Williams far too much space to cover.

Dichio made five changes to the starting lineup for the trip to Orange County, with Maxi Rodriguez restored to his spot and Diop back into his natural defensive midfield position. They looked better during a lively first half that saw both teams have chances. Le Rouge again took the lead from a corner. Carroll converted James Murphy's corner early in the first half to give them something to defend.

Once again, DCFC couldn't defend. Orange County's Thomas Amang made himself a nuisance the whole game, drawing Carroll into an early booking and equalizing before halftime. Still, City looked like a decent bet to come through and win for the first time in five games. When former Chelsea academy player Kyle Scott put the hosts in the lead just before the hour mark, Dichio rang the changes. Ali Coote and Yazeed Mathews came off the bench. Shortly thereafter, Rhys Williams drew a penalty, Diop scored and again

DCFC looked like they would get a result.

It wasn't to be. Amang again caused DCFC a problem, twisting and turning in the penalty area before finding Bryce Jamison, who drilled a low shot past Nate Steinwascher for the winner. The frustrated look on Steinwascher's face told the story of a team looking for answers. Clean sheets have been hard to come by this year. Perhaps it is the more expansive attacking play that has left DCFC more vulnerable at the back. Maybe Dichio has been tinkering with the starting eleven too much? Whatever DCFC had going in the first five games is gone and they have to find it, whatever it was, before the momentum becomes too hard to stop.

WOMEN CONTINUE UNBEATEN START

So far, DCFC's women have followed the same pattern as the men. They have come out flying with four wins from four games. They are on top of the Great Lakes division of the USL W League based on points per game. However, they have beaten up on

the weaker teams in the division up to now.

This week, the schedule becomes more difficult. First, they travel to Kalamazoo in midweek, before returning home to face AFC Ann Arbor. As opposed to Michiana, AFC Flint City, and their most recent opponents, the Cleveland Force, Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor are fourth and third in the division and have won a few games. These games will give David Dwaihy and the rest of the group a far better idea of where they stand.

Last weekend, they managed a difficult 1-0 win over the Cleveland Force thanks to a Sophia Romine goal from long range in the sixty-sixth minute. DCFC outshot Cleveland 21-5 during a dominant performance, but struggled to break down a packed defense. While the Force was willing to slow the game down and clog the field in hopes of a draw, rest assured the teams contending for a playoff spot like Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor, and Midwest United will make more of a game of their meetings with Le Rouge.

DCFC Beat Cleveland Force SC, 1-0 !!!

The Detroit City FC women, hosted the Cleveland Force SC, This past Saturday, at Keyworth Stadium.

The DCFC women defeated the Cleveland

Force SC, 1-0.

The DCFC women host AFC Ann Arbor, on Saturday, June 8th, at 4 pm.

Then go back on the road, on Wednesday,

June 12th, to take on the Cleveland Force SC, before returning to Keyworth Stadium, on Saturday, June 15th, to host Midwest United FC at 7:00 pm.

For more information about Detroit City FC, visit detcityfc.com and follow @DetroitCityFC on Twitter and Facebook and @detroitcityfootballclub on Instagram.

Photos below are highlights from Detroit City FC and Cleveland Force SC

Photo provided by Detroit City FC (photographer Jon DeBoer)



EDITORIAL OPINION



"Mexicans Elect a Woman President"

By Raoul Lowery Contreras

Sunday, June 2, 2024. North American History is made by Millions of Mexicans when they elected a woman president. Will she be a stand-in president fronting for current president Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (AMLO)?

- Was the election honest? Yes.
- Was it historical? Yes.
- Is it important for the U.S.? Yes.
- Will Madame President change Mexico? Yes.
- Was Mexico’s election good for democracy? Yes.
- No More 1000 marked ballots for 200 voters”

Just like in the old days, boxes with cast ballots disappeared in Tijuana, precincts were forced to stay closed for hours some until 10 or 11 a.m.

“Thousands of voters at the Mexican Consulate in San Diego were still in line when the Consulate closed because they ran out of ballots. Of course, the thousands were at fault as only 560 or so people actually notified the Consulate they wanted to vote there. Thousands showed up.

The party of Moral Regeneration (MORENA) -- swept every

important office in Baja California and picked up a governorship or two; more importantly, the voters chose Claudia Sheinbaum President of Mexico.

I’m not thrilled about Sheinbaum becoming President but not because she’s the first woman elected President in North America, but because she’s a screaming-mimi ultra-Leftist protege of the ridiculous “hugs not bullets” President Andres Manuel Lopez (AMLO) who presided over the murders and disappearances of over 185,000 Mexican men, women and

children. 31,000 Mexicans a year were murdered.

AMLO surrendered large areas of Mexico to thug narcos with his “hugs not bullets” sellouts and went one step past waving a white flag, he appointed Manuel Bartlett, prominent Mexican politico head of the Federal Electricity Commission. Between AMLO and his idol Bartlett, they’ve managed to break contracts with private companies so the government can control a majority of electrical generation in Mexico.

The Bartlett appointment showed AMLO for what he was then. The U.S. Department of Justice and Drug Enforcement agents would love to have an interview with Bartlett because everyone in Mexico’s drug enforcement and its American counterparts would love to have a Q & A session with Bartlett.

It seems that either he or someone that looks like him was involved in the torture and death of American drug agent and former U.S. Marine Enrique Camarena years ago. Involved at the highest level of the decision to kill Camarena according to U.S. drug agents.

The question that will be answered during the next six years in Mexico is: will President Claudia Sheinbaum just be a stand-in

president in public while AMLO is behind the curtain pulling the strings of his puppet Sheinbaum?

I don’t think so.

She’s a PhD in environmental science. The only apparent black mark on her service as leader of Mexico City is a subway cave-in a tunnel that was built by her administration. The investigation still hasn’t pinned responsibility for the 20 or more deaths. She’s already talking about more renewable energy production which is the opposite of AMLO’S “position” of burning oil and coal to generate electricity.

I don’t think she will tolerate AMLO’s on-going corrupt government oil company - PEMEX - from sapping billions of pesos to keep union people in jobs that aren’t justified.

Certainly, she won’t fight with the woman head of the Supreme Court like AMLO did. Certainly, she will try to move the entire government into a fight to protect women and reduce the rampant femicide that has plagued Mexico under AMLO who didn’t seem to care. Certainly, she won’t blame all of Mexico’s problems on “neoliberals” or moderates and conservatives -- right-of-center -- the ones who yanked the Mexican government away from the Stalinist-like “ruling

party” -- the PRI in 2000.

Certainly, she won’t lie to the Mexican people like AMLO did, e.g. the time he dismissed a famous reporter’s challenge to economic lies AMLO was preaching. AMLO told the reporter he was not telling the truth; the reporter told AMLO the statistics he was quoting were from government websites. An embarrassed AMLO snapped “I have other Information!”

Reporter 1, AMLO Zero...

Back to the election - The ruling MORENA party dumped the woman mayor of Tijuana and replaced her with a man, Ismael Burgueno. Rosarito elected MORENA’s Rocío Adame, Woman, as Mayor; Ensenada elected a woman, Claudia Agaton, Mayor replacing a man. Tecate elected Roman Cota Munoz Mayor breaking the mold of all women mayors. Mexicali, Baja’s state capital, elected another MORENA woman mayor, Norma Bustamante.

On Election Sunday, June 2, I drove by a voting “casilla” in Tijuana, I estimate there were 500 people waiting in line to vote. It was 9:00 a.m. When I drove by again in the late afternoon, there were an estimated 500 people waiting patiently to vote.

It was a good day for democracy.

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EDITORIAL OPINION

"Los mexicanos eligen a una mujer presidenta"

By Raoul Lowery Contreras

Domingo 2 de junio de 2024. La historia de América del Norte la hacen millones de mexicanos cuando eligieron a una mujer presidenta. ¿Será ella una presidenta suplente del actual presidente Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO)?

- ¿Fue honesta la elección? Sí.
- ¿Fue histórico? Sí.
- ¿Es importante para Estados Unidos? Sí.
- ¿Cambiará Madame Presidenta a México? Sí.
- ¿Fueron las elecciones de México buenas para la democracia? Sí.
- No más 1.000 papeletas marcadas para 200 votantes”

Como en los viejos tiempos, en Tijuana desaparecieron las urnas con los votos emitidos, los recintos se vieron obligados a permanecer cerrados durante horas, algunos hasta las 10 u 11 de la mañana.

“Miles de votantes en el Consulado de México en San Diego todavía estaban en la fila cuando el Consulado cerró porque se quedaron sin papeletas. Por supuesto, los miles tuvieron la culpa, ya que sólo unas 560 personas notificaron al Consulado que querían votar allí. Miles aparecieron.

El partido de Regeneración Moral (MORENA) - arrasó con todos los cargos importantes en Baja California y obtuvo una gobernación o dos; Más importante aún, los votantes eligieron a Claudia Sheinbaum como presidenta de México.

No me entusiasma que Sheinbaum se convierta en presidenta, pero no porque sea la primera mujer electa presidenta en América del Norte, sino porque es una mimi que grita. ultra-Protegido izquierdista del ridículo presidente de “abrazos, no balas”, Andrés Manuel López (AMLO),

quien presidió los asesinatos y desapariciones de más de 185.000 hombres, mujeres y niños mexicanos. 31.000 mexicanos al año eran asesinados.

AMLO entregó grandes áreas de México a matones narcos con sus traición de “abrazos, no balas” y fue un paso más allá de ondear una bandera blanca: nombró a Manuel Bartlett, prominente político mexicano jefe de la Comisión Federal de Electricidad. Entre AMLO y su ídolo Bartlett han logrado romper contratos con empresas privadas para que el gobierno pueda controlar la mayor parte de la generación eléctrica en México.

El nombramiento de Bartlett mostró a AMLO tal como era entonces. A los agentes del Departamento de Justicia y Antidrogas de Estados Unidos les encantaría tener una entrevista con Bartlett porque a todos los agentes antidrogas de México y a sus homólogos estadounidenses les encantaría tener una sesión de preguntas y respuestas con Bartlett.

Parece que él o alguien que se parece a él estuvo involucrado en la tortura y muerte del agente antidrogas estadounidense y ex-marine estadounidense Enrique



New Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum
La nueva presidenta mexicana Claudia Sheinbaum

Camarena hace años. Involucrado al más alto nivel en la decisión de matar a Camarena según agentes antidrogas estadounidenses.

La pregunta que se responderá durante los próximos seis años en México es: ¿será la presidenta Claudia Sheinbaum simplemente una presidenta suplente en público mientras AMLO está detrás de la cortina moviendo los hilos de su títere Sheinbaum?

No me parece.

Es doctora en ciencias ambientales. La única mancha negra aparente en su servicio como líder de la Ciudad de México es un derrumbe del metro en un túnel construido por su administración. La investigación aún no tiene atribuyó la responsabilidad de las 20 o más muertes. Ya está hablando de una mayor producción de energía renovable, lo cual es lo opuesto a la “posición” de AMLO de quemar petróleo y carbón para generar electricidad.

No creo que ella tolere que la actual y corrupta compañía petrolera gubernamental de AMLO, PEMEX, saque

miles de millones de pesos para mantener a sindicalistas en empleos que no están justificados.

Ciertamente no peleará con la presidenta de la Corte Suprema como lo hizo AMLO. Ciertamente intentará impulsar a todo el gobierno a luchar para proteger a las mujeres y reducir el feminicidio desenfrenado que ha plagado a México bajo el gobierno de AMLO, a quien no parecía importarle. Ciertamente no culpará de todos los problemas de México a los “neoliberales” o a los moderados y conservadores (de centro-derecha) que alejaron al gobierno mexicano del “partido gobernante” de tipo estalinista: el PRI en 2000.

Ciertamente no le mentirá al pueblo mexicano como lo hizo AMLO; p.ej. la vez que desestimó el desafío de un famoso periodista a las mentiras económicas que AMLO estaba predicando. AMLO le dijo al periodista que no decía la verdad; El periodista le dijo a AMLO que las estadísticas que estaba citando eran de sitios web

gubernamentales. Un AMLO avergonzado espetó “tengo otros ... ¡Información!”

Reportero 1, AMLO Cero...

El partido gobernante MORENA despidió a la alcaldesa de Tijuana y la reemplazó con un hombre, Ismael Burqueño. Rosario eligió a Dew Adame de BRENDA, mujer, as mayor; Mujer electa de Ensenada, Claudia Agatón, Alcaldesa en reemplazo de hombre. Tecate eligió alcalde a Román Cota Muñoz rompiendo el molde de todas las alcaldesas. Mexicali, la capital del estado de Baja California, eligió a otra alcaldesa morena, Norma Bustamante.

El domingo de elecciones, 2 de junio, pasé por una “casilla” de votación en Tijuana, calculo que había 500 personas esperando en fila para votar. Eran las 9:00 a. m. Cuando volví a pasar por allí a última hora de la tarde, se estimaba que había unas 500 personas esperando pacientemente para votar.

Fue un buen día para la democracia

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"November 5, 2024"

By Raoul Lowery Contreras

All my life doomsayers have told us that the “Big One” was in our California future, the Big One being the cataclysmic final earthquake that would split California in two and that the western part would sink into the Pacific Ocean; Yuma, Arizona would be the new oceanfront. They were wrong.

The Big One, the Big Political One is scheduled for the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, the day millions of Americans will cast their votes for President. That is the day millions who voted early or by mail, will watch their favorite news source for reports of their votes being counted.

They will watch hundreds of men and women on television expressing their views about how the American people rejected the whiniest group of Americans ever, MAGA (Make America Great Again) crybabies

bemoaning the thrashing of their candidate for President -- the one and only Donald Trump, the convicted felon.

The spineless mentally-limited MAGA crowd will scream and otherwise demonstrate what shallow little people they are. Their vocabulary is limited like The Donald’s to “rigged,” “weaponization,” “2000 Mules,” “Biden, worst President ever,” “more ‘N’s’ (there are tapes of Trump using the word) Trump’s word for the country’s second largest ‘minority group’ that voted in Detroit, Milwaukee, Atlanta and Philadelphia than were registered to vote in those mostly Black and Democrat cities, those same places that buried Trump in the 2020 election.

Some of these pseudo-Americans, like former White House aide of President Trump circa 2017 - Steve Bannon - and the infamous crybaby jailbird

Peter Navarro, another Trump gofer, brandished threats of the American public exploding with violence because Democrats had gone too far to steal another election from their Reichmaster and his red-hatted followers. There were even paramilitary outfits like the “Ashli Babbitt Brigade” (I made that up) of backwoods-trained AR-15-rifle-bearing rednecks that had been preparing for revolt since January 6, 2021. That I didn’t make up.

This scenario is not fiction. The attack on the capitol on “January 6,” 2021,” was a rehearsal for this November uprising, they’ve talked about for years.

The minute Trump utters the fighting words, “rigged” and too many “N” ballots in Philadelphia, Detroit, Milwaukee and Atlanta his followers will hit the streets thinking they can overwhelm National Guardsmen and U.S. Marines with real bullets in their effort to impose their ill-will to somehow save Trump from the indignity of being buried by millions of votes - again.

A jury of twelve of his New York City “peers” decided to convict Trump, former President of the United States, of 34 violations of a New York state law with an eye to commit another “crime” thus making the violations “felonies.”

The date: Thursday, May 30, 2024. That night and the following day - Friday - a prophetic poll was taken by “Morning Consult.” My sixty years of politicking and being paid for it reacted to the poll with astonishment. It was different than I would have guessed; to wit:

54% of poll respondents supported the convictions; 34% disapproved.

49% of independents think Trump should drop out of the race.

15% of Republicans think Trump should drop out of the race.

8% of Trump supporters think he should drop out of the race.

45% declared they would vote for President Biden; 44% for Trump.

On punishment, 69% thought a monetary fine was acceptable;

49% thought probation was appropriate; 44% suggested jail.

77% of Republicans stated they thought the prosecution was political.

43% of independents agreed the prosecution was political.

“Lock him up!” Sound familiar?

I think Trump will be sentenced to “house arrest” on weekends for a month or so by Judge Juan Merchan, the Colombiano Hispanic who will show Trump that one does not insult a Hispanic man or his family and get away with it - when, that is, the man is empowered to sentence a convicted felon to prison. Trump was cited with ten different violations of the restrictions Judge Merchan imposed in what Trump called an “unconstitutional gag” order.

As if he ever read the Constitution. “House arrest” at least will keep constitutional scholar Trump from complaining that house arrest violates the “cruel and unusual” clause of the Eighth Amendment.

Maybe “bone spurs” will save him again. Look it up.



"5 de noviembre de 2024"

By Raoul Lowery Contreras

Toda mi vida, los agoreros nos han dicho que el “Gran Uno” estaba en nuestro futuro de California, siendo el Grande el catastrófico terremoto final que dividiría California en dos y que la parte occidental se hundiría en el Océano Pacífico; Yuma, Arizona, sería el nuevo frente al mar. Ellos estaban equivocados.

El Gran, el Gran Político está programado para el primer martes después del primer lunes de noviembre, el día en que millones de estadounidenses votarán para presidente. Ese es el día en que millones de personas que votaron anticipadamente o por correo mirarán su fuente de noticias favorita para conocer los informes sobre el conteo de sus votos.

Verán a cientos de hombres y mujeres en la televisión expresar sus puntos de vista sobre cómo el pueblo estadounidense rechazó al grupo de estadounidenses más llorón de todos los tiempos, los llorones MAGA (Make America Great Again), que se lamentan

de la paliza de su candidato a presidente: el único e inigualable Donald Trump, el delincuente condenado.

La multitud MAGA, cobarde y mentalmente limitada, gritará y demostrará de otra manera lo superficiales que son. Su vocabulario se limita, como el de Donald, a “amañado”, “armamentismo”, “2000 Mulas”, “Biden, el peor presidente de todos los tiempos”, “más ‘N’ (hay cintas de Trump usando la palabra). La palabra de Trump para el segundo del país. El ‘grupo minoritario’ más grande que votó en Detroit, Milwaukee, Atlanta y Filadelfia que los registrados para votar en esas ciudades mayoritariamente negras y demócratas, esos mismos lugares que enterraron a Trump en las elecciones de 2020.

Algunos de estos pseudo estadounidenses, como el ex asistente del presidente Trump en la Casa Blanca alrededor de 2017, Steve Bannon, y el infame pájaro preso llorón Peter Navarro, otro recadero de Trump, blandieron amenazas de

que el público estadounidense explotaría con violencia porque los demócratas habían ido demasiado lejos para robar. otra elección de su Reichmaster y sus seguidores de sombrero rojo. Incluso había equipos paramilitares como la “Brigada Ashli Babbitt” (eso lo inventé) de campesinos sureños armados con rifles AR-15 entrenados en los bosques que se habían estado preparando para la revuelta desde el 6 de enero de 2021. Eso no lo inventé yo.

Este escenario no es ficción. El ataque al capitolio el “6 de enero de 2021” fue un ensayo para este levantamiento de noviembre del que han hablado durante años.

En el momento en que Trump pronuncia las palabras de lucha, “amañado” y demasiados “N” papeletas en Filadelfia, Detroit, Milwaukee y Atlanta, sus seguidores saldrán a las calles pensando que pueden abrumar a los guardias nacionales y a los marines estadounidenses con balas reales en su esfuerzo por imponer su mala voluntad para salvar de alguna manera a Trump de la indignidad de ser enterrado por millones de votos. de nuevo.

Un jurado compuesto por doce de sus “compañeros” de la ciudad de Nueva York decidió condenar a Trump, expresidente

de los Estados Unidos, por 34 violaciones de una ley del estado de Nueva York con miras a cometer otro “crimen”, convirtiendo así las violaciones en “delitos graves”.

La fecha: jueves 30 de mayo de 2024. Esa noche y el día siguiente, viernes, se realizó una encuesta profética en “Morning Consult”. Mis sesenta años de politiquería y de que me pagaran por ello reaccionaron ante las elecciones con asombro. Era diferente de lo que hubiera imaginado; esto es:

El 54% de los encuestados apoyó las condenas; El 34% lo desaprobó.

El 49% de los independientes cree que Trump debería abandonar la carrera.

El 15% de los republicanos cree que Trump debería abandonar la carrera.

El 8% de los partidarios de Trump cree que debería abandonar la carrera.

el 45% declaró que votaría por el presidente Biden; 44% para Trump.

En cuanto al castigo, el 69% consideró aceptable una multa monetaria; el 49% pensó que la libertad condicional era apropiada; El 44% sugirió la cárcel.

El 77% de los republicanos afirmó que pensaba que la acusación era política.

El 43% de los independientes estuvo de acuerdo en que el procesamiento fue político.

“¡Enciérrenlo!” ¿Suena familiar?

Creo que Trump será sentenciado a “arresto domiciliario” los fines de semana durante aproximadamente un mes por el juez Juan Merchán, el colombiano hispano que le mostrará a Trump que uno no insulta a un hombre hispano o a su familia y se sale con la suya; es decir, el hombre está facultado para sentenciar a prisión a un delincuente convicto. Trump fue citado por diez violaciones diferentes de las restricciones del Juez Comerciante impuesto en lo que Trump llamó una orden de “mordaza inconstitucional”.

Como si alguna vez leyera la Constitución. El “arresto domiciliario” al menos evitará que el constitucionalista Trump se queje de que el arresto domiciliario viola la cláusula “cruel e inusual” de la Octava Enmienda.

Quizás las “espolones óseos” lo salven nuevamente. Búscalo.



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